

Application No. 10/691,376
Reply to Office Action mailed August 8, 2005

REMARKS

I. Double Patenting Rejection

In the Office Action, the sole ground for rejection of claims 1-29 was an obvious-type double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,647,041 B1, issued November 11, 2003. In response, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer corresponding to the above-mentioned application. Accordingly, this fully resolves the double-patenting rejection.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 30-50.

Applicants submit the following comments regarding the Examiner's statements of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action. Applicants agree with the Examiner that the claimed invention of claims 30-50 is patentable over prior art, but respectfully disagree with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Office Action. Applicants submit that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of these claims allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that makes it allowable. Therefore, Applicants do not concede that the reasons for allowable subject matter given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make, or would make, the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement in the Office Action.

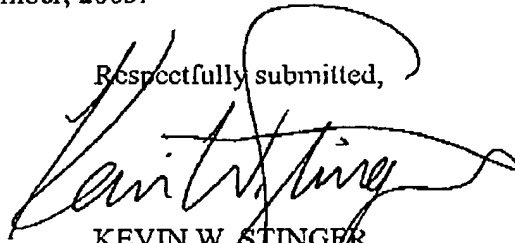
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CONCLUSION

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediments to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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